

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2848, Water Resources Development Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5729—5869

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3332–3350, and S. Res. 560–569. **Pages S5842–43**

Measures Reported:

S. 2058, to require the Secretary of Commerce to maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site within 55 miles of each city in the United States that has a population of more than 700,000 individuals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–351)

S. 2616, to modify certain cost-sharing and revenue provisions relating to the Arkansas Valley Conduit, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 114–352)

S. 2902, to provide for long-term water supplies, optimal use of existing water supply infrastructure, and protection of existing water rights, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–353)

S. 3155, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title. **Page S5842**

Measures Passed:

Water Resources Development Act: By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 141), Senate passed S. 2848, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5736–S5811**

Adopted:

Inhofe (for Isakson/Perdue) Amendment No. 5075 (to Amendment No. 4979), to deauthorize the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, Georgia and South Carolina. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 5063 (to Amendment No. 4979), to provide for rehabilitation of certain dams. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Cochran) Amendment No. 5076 (to Amendment No. 4979), to make technical corrections. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Paul) Amendment No. 5068 (to Amendment No. 4979), to ensure that the Secretary does not charge a fee for certain surplus water. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Cardin) Amendment No. 5069 (to Amendment No. 4979), to require an annual survey of sea grasses in the Chesapeake Bay. **Page S5742**

Inhofe (for Hoeven/Heitkamp) Modified Amendment No. 5074 (to Amendment No. 4979), to limit the permit fees for cabins and trailers on land administered by the Dakotas Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation and to allow trailer area permittees at Heart Butte Dam and Reservoir (Lake Tschida) to continue using trailer homes on their permitted lots. **Pages S5742–43**

Inhofe (for Tester/Daines) Amendment No. 5077 (to Amendment No. 4979), to achieve a fair, equitable, and final settlement of claims to water rights in the State of Montana for the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the United States, for the benefit of the Tribe and allottees. **Page S5743**

Inhofe (for Sasse) Modified Amendment No. 5066 (to Amendment No. 4979), to require a GAO review and report on certain projects. **Page S5743**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adoption of McConnell (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 4979, as amended, the amendments (listed above) were agreed to. **Pages S5741–42**

Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act: Senate passed H.R. 2494, to support global anti-poaching efforts, strengthen the capacity of partner countries to counter wildlife trafficking, designate major wildlife trafficking countries, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5832–35**

Coons/Flake Amendment No. 5078, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5834**

Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse: Senate passed S. 2754, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Fannin Street in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the “Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S5867–68**

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 565, designating the week beginning September 12, 2016, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”. **Page S5868**

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 566, supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commending domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence victim service providers, crisis hotline staff, and first responders serving victims of domestic violence for their compassionate support of victims of domestic violence, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to support efforts to end domestic violence and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable. **Page S5868**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 567, designating the week beginning October 16, 2016, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Page S5868**

National Towing Industry Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 568, recognizing the invaluable contributions of the towing and recovery industry in the United States, the International Towing & Recovery Hall of Fame & Museum, towing associations around the world, and the members of those towing associations and designating the week of September 9 through 15, 2016, as “National Towing Industry Awareness Week”. **Page S5868**

Small Business Saturday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 569, recognizing November 26, 2016, as “Small Business Saturday” and supporting the efforts of the Small Business Administration to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses. **Page S5868**

Measures Considered:

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5325, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. **Page S5811**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 19, 2016. **Page S5741**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 19, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5868**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Treaty with Kazakhstan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 114–11) as amended;

Treaty with Algeria on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 114–3) as amended; and

Treaty with Jordan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 114–4) as amended. **Pages S5864–65**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 142), Susan S. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office. **Pages S5817–19, S5868**

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S5865–67, S5868–69**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
 (Total—142) Page S5743

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5868.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher James Brummer, of the District of Columbia, and Brian D. Quintenz, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LONG-TERM BUDGETARY CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term budgetary challenges facing the military services and innovative solutions for maintaining our military superiority, after receiving testimony from General Mark A. Milley, USA, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations of the United States Navy, General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and General David L. Goldfein, USAF, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

FCC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, and Ajit Pai, Mignon L. Clyburn, Michael O'Rielly, and Jessica Rosenworcel, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on United States policy and international commitments, after receiving testimony from Richard Olson, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and Donald L. Sampler, Jr.,

Assistant to the Administrator, and Director of the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, United States Agency for International Development.

NORWAY CIVIL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reviewing the civil nuclear agreement with Norway, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Security and Non-proliferation.

HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of health insurance markets, after receiving testimony from Ohio Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, Director, Ohio Department of Insurance, Columbus; J.P. Wieske, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Madison; Nick Gerhart, Iowa Insurance Commissioner, Des Moines; and Mike Kreidler, Washington State Insurance Commissioner, Tumwater.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2763, to provide the victims of Holocaust-era persecution and their heirs a fair opportunity to recover works of art confiscated or misappropriated by the Nazis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3155, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title;

S. 3270, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Florence Y. Pan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

LOUISIANA FLOOD VICTIMS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal response and resources for Louisiana flood victims, including S. 1470, to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery, and S. 3301, to amend the Small Business Act to ensure small businesses affected by the onset of transmissible diseases are eligible for disaster relief, after receiving testimony from Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Louisiana State Representative

Clay Schexnayder, Sorrento; Patrick Mulhearn, Celtic Studios, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Ron Erickson Sr., City of Central Chamber of Commerce, Central, Louisiana.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 6035–6065; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 153–156; and H. Res. 870–873 were introduced. **Pages H5522–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5525**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 1296, to amend the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to clarify certain settlement terms, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–747). **Page H5522**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Ted Traylor, Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL. **Page H5503**

Prohibiting the transfer of any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba: The House passed H.R. 5351, to prohibit the transfer of any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 520. **Pages H5505–12**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–744 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H5505**

H. Res. 863, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5351) and (H.R. 5226) was agreed to yesterday, September 14th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 19th and that the order of the House of January 5, 2016, regarding morning-hour debate not apply on that day. **Page H5513**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H5511–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ROLE IN ADVANCING THE NATIONAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENERGY SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The Department of Energy’s Role in Advancing the National, Economic, and Energy Security of the United States”. Testimony was heard from Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a markup on H. Res. 220, condemning the Government of Iran’s state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights. H. Res. 220 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; NICARAGUA’S DEMOCRATIC COLLAPSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a markup on H. Res. 851, expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes; and H.R. 5708, the “Nicaragua Investment Conditionality Act of 2016”; and a hearing entitled “Nicaragua’s Democratic Collapse”. H.R. 5708 and H. Res. 851 were forwarded to the full committee, as amended. Testimony was heard from Juan Gonzalez, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Marcela Escobari, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6004, the “Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2016”; H.R. 5995, the “GAO Task and Delivery Order Protest Authority Act of 2016”; H.R. 6008, the “Transportation Benefits Modernization Act”; H.R. 6009, the “Federal Agency Mail Management Act of 2016”; H.R. 2532, the “EASY Savings Act of 2015”; H.R. 3779, to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; H.R. 5625, the “Modernizing Government Travel Act”; H.R. 5920, the “Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act”; H.R. 5785, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for an annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers; H.R. 5790, the “Federal Bureau of Investigation Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2016”; H.R. 5150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3031 Veterans Road West in Staten Island, New York, as the “Leonard Montalto Post Office Building”; H.R. 5309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 McElroy Drive in Oxford, Mississippi, as the “Army First Lieutenant Donald C. Carwile Post Office Building”; H.R. 5591, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 N US Highway 83 in Zapata, Texas, as the “Zapata Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 5676, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6300 N. Northwest Highway in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Officer Joseph P. Cali Post Office Building”; H.R. 5798, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Davis Street in Evanston, Illinois, as the “Abner J. Mikva Post Office Building”; and H.R. 5889, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Chalan Kanoa VLG in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as the “Segundo T. Sablan and CNMI Fallen Military Heroes Post Office Building”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 6004, H.R. 6008, H.R. 5625, and H.R. 2532. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5995, H.R. 6009, H.R. 3779, H.R. 5920, H.R. 5785, H.R. 5790, H.R. 5150,

H.R. 5309, H.R. 5591, H.R. 5676, H.R. 5798, and H.R. 5889.

A SOLUTION IN SEARCH OF A PROBLEM: EPA’S METHANE REGULATIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “A Solution in Search of a Problem: EPA’s Methane Regulations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF RECENTLY COMPLETED UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CHIEF’S REPORTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “A Review of Recently Completed United States Army Corps of Engineers Chief’s Reports”. Testimony was heard from Major General Donald “Ed” Jackson, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations, Army Corps of Engineers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on consideration of a Committee Report entitled “Review of the Unauthorized Disclosures of Former National Security Agency Contractor Edward Snowden”. A motion to adopt the Committee Report passed. A motion to make the Committee Report available for Members to review also passed. This meeting was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on assessing the recent North Korea nuclear event, missile tests, and regional dynamics, 5 p.m., SVC-217.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, September 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, September 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5325, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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